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the specification of which

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was filed on November 3, 2003 as Application
Serial No. 10/700,118 and was amended
through N/A (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended as indicated above.

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35 U.S.C. § 119 (e)

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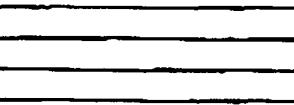
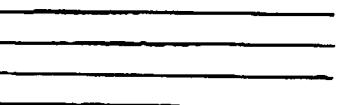
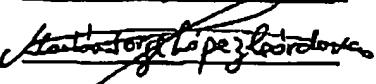
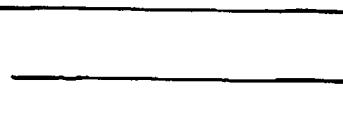
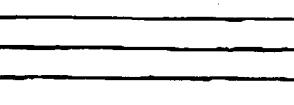
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